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Hello again,

It has been a particularly busy week so please read on! Just one quick plug and that is for next Saturday's Forever Stars event - full details in the Diary section.

As ever,
Anna

High Street Minister praises our great towns!

Penny Mordaunt, Minister for the High Street and Town Centres paid us a visit on Thursday.

First on a whistle stop tour was Kimberley, where Penny was particularly impressed with the variety and quality of shops. Penny had a long chat with local traders, Madhatters Tea Room owner Nygel Stevenson and Roy Plumb who has had a shop on James Street for decades. Penny also walked through Kimberley meeting other shops keepers.



We specifically talked about the IKEA retail park outside Kimberley and the need to improve signage into Kimberley. Penny suggested the forming of a Traders Association which could bid for financial support and make representations to the Town, Borough and County Councils to bring users of the retail park into Kimberley. There were a number of other great suggestions which I will follow up with Kimberley traders and Penny's Ministerial team.

In Stapleford community champion, Richard MacRae brought together a number of people who had recently started their own businesses in the town. My thanks to Fabbylicious for feeding us and for everyone who didn't hold back in telling Penny and I about some of the difficulties they had faced.



Penny had a good look at the town and we both recognise there is a real "buzz" with new small and national branded businesses. Penny's advice was the need for a Traders Association and she has promised to find a mentor for the town's smaller businesses. I will hold her to that!

Beeston Tram Enquiry

My request to the Chair of the House of Commons Transport Committee for an enquiry into the tram extension and works received a lot of publicity and support. I will of course let you know her reply! Any enquiry would be held after the General Election (I think it should be held once the tram is running). Penny Mordaunt has agreed to return to look specifically at Beeston Town Centre where there has been considerable concern (which I share) about the refurbishment of the Square. My fear is Broxtowe Borough Council has failed to use the opportunity the tram brings to restore Beeston the thriving town it was and undoubtedly can be again.

ShoeAid support

It was a real honour to meet Lee Todd and Sarah Kearsley from the Toton based charity ShoeAid.

They collect new and gently worn shoes and give them to people in need. 95% of their shoes and boots donated go overseas via Nottingham's Muslim Hands and the National Police Aid convoys.

Shoe Aid is looking to expand - having already distributed 40,000 pairs of shoes. I am helping them do just that and hope you will support them by clicking [here](#)



ShoeAid "we believe walking barefoot should be a choice, not a hardship"

New White Bull - a possible reprieve and a petition to save it!

I am told that the sale of this excellent Giltbrook pub to the Co-Op has suffered a glitch. In the meantime there is a petition to save the pub in the local newsagents (Ron's). As you might imagine, I am making further enquiries!

The Haven Centre, Stapleford and falling unemployment

It was a great pleasure the visit the Haven Church Centre in Stapleford just before Christmas. Please check out their great work [here](#).



On Friday they met Iain Duncan Smith the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. The Haven has a series of excellent projects to help people get into world and off benefit and Iain was keen to hear of their work.

The Haven is having an open day on Saturday January 31st in their new home on Wadsworth Road (details in the diary).

Broxtowe Fact File: Beeston Job Centre Plus is one of the best for helping people find work. Iain Duncan Smith was impressed with our falling rates of unemployment at 1.7% with 438 fewer claimants in the last 12 months, a fall of 34%. The latest unemployment stats are out next week.

What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 17 January

The Churchfitters in concert

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston

What's on: Unique and energetic performance from a trio of musicians. Full details [here](#).

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East of England Singers - 30th Anniversary

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: St John the Baptist Church, Chilwell Road, NG9 1GA

What's on: East of England Singers, New Classical Players and Angela Kay conductor. Full details [here](#).

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Sunday 18 January

New Year Mindful Walk

11am till 1pm

Where: Walled Gardens Bramcote Hills Park.

What's on: Free seasonal walking meditation through Bramcote Hills Park. Walk through Nature with a qualified yoga teacher.

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Monday 19 January

Beeston Wildlife Group - Talk

7:30pm till 9:30pm

Where: Trent Vale Infant School.

What's on: Talk is on Derbyshire mammals - by Debbie Alston.

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Wednesday 21 January

Beeston and District Local History Society - meeting

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall, High Road, Chilwell.

What's on: 19th Century adverts - a talk by Maureen Rushton, full details [here](#).

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Thursday 22 January

Village Ventures - Fordante from Strauss to the Movies

7:15pm for a 7:30pm start

Where: St Helen's Parish Church, Church Lane, Stapleford.

Full details [here](#).

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Friday 23 January

Strelley Village Panto - Mother Goose

7pm

Where: St John's Church Hall, Graylands Road, Bilborough, NG8 4FD.

What's on: The panto is written and acted by Strelley villagers, and will be also be on Saturday at 2pm and 7pm. For full details please click [here](#).

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Beeston Farmers' Market

9am till 2pm

Where: Beeston Square.

What's on: Here you can purchase meats such as Bison and venison as well as cakes, cheese and pies and artisan breads.

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Saturday 24 January

Forever Stars 1st Anniversary Concert

Where: William Booth Memorial Halls.

What's on: Forever Stars 1st anniversary concert presented by Nottingham Salvation Army. Full details on this free event [here](#).

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Guided Walks

10am till 1pm

Meeting point: Attenborough Nature Reserve car park.

What's on: Beeston Wildlife Groups walks are free of charge please click [here](#) for full details.

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Free Gardening at Dig In, Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments Site, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ.

What's on: If you enjoy growing your own food, or would like to give it a try, come along to Dig in Community Allotments.

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Tuesday 27 January

Holocaust Memorial Day

10.50 am

Where: The Walled Garden, Bramcote Hills Park.

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Thursday 29 January

Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime

7:15pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, Nuart Road, Beeston.

What's on: The Pearson Centre for Young People are performing their 65th annual pantomime. The Pantomime will be also running on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Full details including cost [here](#).

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Saturday 31 January

The Haven Church and Community Centre Open Day

2pm till 7pm

Where The Haven, Wadsworth Road, Stapleford

What's on: Family open day in their new building, and also a chance for you to learn

of their 23 community projects.

My surgeries

Please call the office (0115 9436507) to make an appointment at my weekly surgery. For obvious reasons we are not publishing my full surgery details.

"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." *David Aaronovitch, The Times*

"she has a record of unusually free speech" *Simon Carr, The Independent*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

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